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Talking Points – Aneth Chapter Meet (1 p.m.) – Oljeto (6 p.m.) – August 10, 2015 – Window Rock, AZ

Claims process set for personal injury or property damage

1. Process for submitting claim set up on site website
2. Property damage, personal injury, loss of employment and income, etc. covered
3. EPA will respond to claims ASAP; can submit beg. Tue, Aug. 11

We are learning more about impact to waterways and continually gather more data

1. Sampling data from Animus River received and more forthcoming
 - a. First data table online yesterday listing contaminants
 - b. Data being evaluated on a 48-hr basis
 - c. August 6 data showed contaminants reducing as they moved downstream
2. Fish impacts - Colorado Parks & Wildlife testing fish
 - a. Monitoring fish in 96 hour interval for impact
 - b. Testing in impaired and clean water
 - c. No fish kills due to pollution seen thus far
3. ASPECT
 - a. Flyovers show discoloration improving from Farmington to Durango
 - b. Plume leading edge no longer visible, a sign of effective dilution
 - c. Water data will convey extent of pollutants in water

Stopping release, characterizing contamination, protecting human health a priority

1. EPA stopping untreated flow
 - a. ~ 550/gal min to settling pond for treatment
 - b. Sediment from on-going mine release reducing sediment and pH levels
 - c. Water being discharge after treatment
2. Surface water sampling continues
 - a. Two EPA contractors sampling in past days w/NNEPA surface water monitoring
 - b. Focus on San Juan between Shiprock and Mexican Hat, UT
 - c. Four additional contractors (START) en route to support two teams
3. EPA-dedicated resources and personnel increasing daily
 - a. As of today, **10** OSCs, **Two** PIOs, **Two** CICs deployed; **21** employees & **one** contractor in R8
 - b. Several incident mgmt. teams deployed Monday, 8/10
 - c. Contracting mechanisms in place for additional support

Next Steps

1. Continued coordination with participating agencies
 - a. Navajo Nation, Southern Ute Tribe, States of CO, UT, N.M., San Juan County, City of

Durango, Town of Silverton

- b. ATSDR re: public health concerns raised w/San Juan County Basin Health Dept. (CO)
 - c. Post info on website as available
- 2. Continue treating mine drainage (discharge) and sample river
- 3. Provide alternative drinking / agricultural / livestock water when available
 - a. Info on affected communities?
 - b. EPA response?
 - c. Timing?